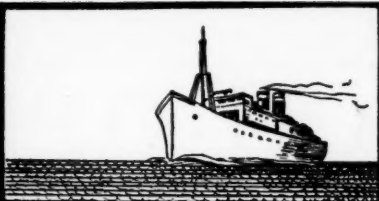


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Midshipman to Admiral

By BOB RICHARDSON

THE U. S. Navy set emphasized the little known fact that until 1866 the United States never had an Admiral or for that matter any naval officer with rank higher than captain until 1862, though most of the famous exploits of the U. S. Navy occurred long before that year. Even the title of Commodore accorded some squadron commanders was an unofficial designation. By contrast Chile started its navy with "landlubbers" for crews and a general of artillery vested with the title of Admiral.

Spain lost its grip on its American colonies in 1808 when King Charles IV and Ferdinand VII were successively forced to abdicate, Joseph Bonaparte being imposed in their stead. Chile at the time was a Kingdom by title, ruled for Spain by the Viceroy at Lima, Peru, who in turn had his Governor stationed in the country. Friction with the Viceroy and his subordinates resulted in the Chileans forming a junta at Santiago, deposing the Governor and on Sept. 18, 1810, declaring their intention to rule Chile so long as the French held Spain. The Viceroy, his authority disputed, tried to enforce his will. At first, his forces were defeated, but dissension among the Chileans enabled him to reconquer the Southern half of the country and to hold it for the next two and a half years.

Since all Spanish armies and supplies had to come to Chile by sea it was eventually realized that without control of the sea Chile would always be open to invasion. Accordingly the first step taken to remedy this was in 1816 when Miguel Carrera, whose monument is shown on the 50c 1910 Independence Commemorative, went to the United States to procure some war vessels. Finally obtaining four ships, he halted February 9, 1817, at Buenos Aires, Argentina, before making the trip around Cape Horn. The Lautaro Lodge, a band of republican revolutionists there, suspected his intentions were more for his personal success than that of the cause of independence, and managed in one way and another to fritter away his supplies and ships.

Three days later, on the other side of the Andes, the Chileans won the great victory of Chacabuco, a scene from which appears on the 2c 1910. Following this, Bernardo O'Higgins, acting head

of the Chilean Junta declared:—"This victory and a hundred more will be without effect unless we control the sea" and on February 17th sent a mission to the United States with \$200,000 to buy some ships. Another group was sent to England.

Months passed before the first of the new fleet arrived. Difficulty was had in obtaining crews, for though Chile is practically all sea coast, few Chileans were sailors due to the Spanish restrictions of colonial days. There was a



similar lack of experienced naval officers, and it turned out that the nearest they could come to an officer was General Manuel Blanco Encalada, who for a short time had been a midshipman in the Spanish Navy, but was better known in Chile as an artillery commander. His expertness at artillery and his naval experience, brief though it was, caused his appointment as commander of the new navy, with the rank of Admiral. Here in the United States, our first Admiral, David Faragut, served in the navy 61 years, starting as a midshipman, 52 of



those years having passed before he became a rear-admiral. Blanco Encalada made the change in one jump! His artillery exploits being more famous, his portrait on the 2c 1910 is labeled "General Blanco."

On October 10th, 1818, Blanco and his squadron sailed out of Valparaiso, the lone-star flag of Chile for the first

time flying from naval vessels. The fleet consisted of the frigates San Martin (60 guns) and Lautaro (46 guns), and the corvettes Chacabuco and Auracan of 20 and 16 guns respectively. A small fleet, but at the time it ranked with that of the United States. Seemingly a ridiculously small flotilla to attack the might of Spain. Of these ships, the two frigates are shown in action in the 10c and 12c 1910.

Spain, was sending a fleet of twelve vessels to crush the Chileans once and for all, it being generally supposed they were heading for Concepcion, the southern port still held by Spain. There, under the guns of the forts lay the frigate Maria Isabel and three other ships, which Blanco set out to capture or destroy before the reinforcements from Lima arrived. The San Martin and Lautaro attacked with a swiftness and accuracy of aim surprising to all and after battling the forts and moored ships for several hours captured the Maria Isabel. This feat is shown on the 12c stamp of 1910. The other two vessels of the little navy had equal success, and after a 38 day cruise, all sailed into Valparaiso Harbor on November 17th, their number swelled to 16. Eight of the prizes were filled with Spanish arms and all kinds of military stores as well as \$100,000 in gold. Admiral Blanco was making his high rank something more than just a title and a fancy uniform! After this series of captures, Spanish ships were seen no more in Chilean waters.

In the meantime Lord Cochrane, former British naval commander had arrived at Valparaiso. To this experienced and famous officer was promptly offered the post of Vice-Admiral and here Admiral Blanco showed a willingness to co-operate seldom found in history. Voluntarily he took the demotion to Rear-Admiral, second in command, realizing the need of a more experienced commander. General Ignacio Zenteno shown on the 5c 1910 became Minister of the Navy and soon gave an excellent account of himself gathering supplies and funds for the naval expeditions. Lord Cochrane appears on the Chilean 10c of the same issue as well as the 7c Peruvian Independence Commemorative of 1921. It is recorded that upon his arrival at Valparaiso he was given a great welcome, which he returned with

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a banquet at which he presided in the regalia of a Scottish Chief.

The captured Maria Isabel was renamed the "O'Higgins" and after overhauling, the fleet put to sea on a series of exploits which cleared the Pacific coast of Spanish ships and took the Chileans as far from home as Acapulco, Mexico. During the cruise occurred the famous capture of Valdivia, a landlocked harbor ringed with forts. At Callao, Peru, Cochrane and Capt. Guisse of the Lautaro cut out the Spanish frigate Esmeralda from under the 300 guns of the forts, an exploit recalled by the 10c 1910. Capt. Guisse poses for the philatelic gallery on the 10c of Peru's 1921 set.

In the early 1820s as a result of this series of victories the Chilean navy ranked with the best in the world, a tradition kept to this day with a small but powerful fleet. Since that time it has rendered great service in defeating the combined forces of Peru and Bolivia and in the latter '60s Spain itself, and more recently in 1891 a would be dictator was defeated when the navy upheld the congress. As late as the '70s the Chilean Navy was superior to that of the United States. Its first Admiral who jumped from midshipman to that rank is remembered by successive ships named for him and to stamp collectors by the Independence set, unique in such issues in that of the 15 designs, six feature naval commanders and their victories.

Salvador Constitutions
Delayed

In a letter dated Dec. 21st, the Postmaster General of El Salvador stated "the Salvadorean stamps commemorative of the U. S. Constitution will not be on sale until five months from now." This was in reply to an inquiry accompanying remittance for a set.

—Paul Spangler, York, Penna.

Those Exhibition Plates

Roy M. North, Acting 3rd Asst. P. M. General replied under date of Dec. 31 to our query of Dec. 10th regarding the 15 "for exhibit" plates recently manufactured:—

"For your information, the numbers to which you refer represent special plates made up at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing for possible use in the printing of stamps to be incorporated in exhibition frames. These plates will never be used for printing stamps to be sold to the public, and such stamps will not be made available for purchase through the Philatelic Agency.

Your views on this subject have been noted, and we appreciate your attitude regarding the matter. It is felt, however, that under the circumstances, there is little cause for concern."

We still think that our remarks on the manufacture of these plates still apply and that their destruction would be the best thing for all concerned.

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New Orleans Exhibit

The Philatelic Society of New Orleans and the Crescent City Stamp Club are jointly sponsoring an annual exhibition on February 4th, 5th and 6th at the Hotel Roosevelt. The dinner will be held on Saturday evening, Feb. 5th, at 7:30, and will be followed by the annual auction. Bourse tables will be available at \$5 each for use by interested persons, the bourse continuing throughout the three days. A poster stamp in a miniature sheet has been prepared and will include a vignette of Andrew Jackson and in full colors the four flags that have waved over the historic city. These may be obtained at 10c each, or three for 25c from W. H. Wynne, the General Chairman, P. O. Box 1620, who also is in charge of reservations. The clubs are already preparing for the coming 1938 A. P. S. Convention.

Esthonian Miniature Sheet

At the annual Caritas (Charity) Ball held at Tallinn, capital of Esthonia, on January 2, 1938, it was planned to issue a miniature sheet of four different stamps, each stamp being in three colors. 20,000 of the sheets were to be printed and guests at the ball were to be permitted to purchase up to ten each, any sheets remaining after the ball to be sold at the post office next day. Sheets were to have face value of three crowns, about 85c U. S. The advance notice of these sheets naively states, among other things, "these unusual blocks which some years later will cost \$10." That's what they think!

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By CHARLES A. KENNY, Washington Times Stamp Editor

Receipts from the sales of postage stamps at the Philatelic Agency here during the fiscal year of 1937 amounted to \$1,945,019.94, it is stated in the annual report of Postmaster General James A. Farley.

This is the highest amount reached in any year since the establishment of the Agency in December, 1921.

The Farley Report is a six-column broadside which gives full information on the financial statistics for the year plus a review of all that transpired during 1937, relative to the Post Office Department.

It is stated that the total sales of postage stamps and "other stamped paper" amounted to \$521,742,133.27, a gain over last year of 6.1%. This represents a total of 19,195,252,564 postage stamps, an increase of 1,609,755,643 over the 1936 total.

In regard to postal cards, the Report states that "during the year the production totaled 2,430,597,000 having a sale value of \$24,790,970."

In the Division of Air Mail Service, "a total of 19,553,543 pounds of air mail was transported during the fiscal year

as compared to 15,377,933 pounds in the fiscal year of 1936."

As for the International Postal Service, "based on actual count for 7 days in October, 1936, and 7 days in April, 1937, at all United States exchange post offices, it is estimated that the number of letters and other articles, excluding parcel post, dispatched to foreign countries by land, sea, and air during the fiscal year was 367,161,080, an increase of 8.06 per cent over the preceding year . . ."

"The amount of postage including air-mail and special delivery fees prepaid by the senders on such articles sent to foreign countries . . . was \$14,849,274, an increase of 6.97."

As for the Navy Mail Service, it was "in operation on 318 vessels and at 66 domestic and 7 foreign shore stations . . ."

Special emphasis was mentioned concerning the descriptive booklet, which was issued by the Post Office Department through the Superintendent of Documents. It is stated in the Report that the demand for the booklet has been far in excess of the original estimates.



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An interesting article in the January American Philatelist by John N. Myer relates extracts from a correspondence of the '90's which uncovers evidence that various stamps of Columbia classed heretofore as reprints were actually printers waste, if not clandestine printings by dishonest employees.

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Australian Stamps Debated

The Australian Stamp Monthly reports an exchange on the floor of the Australian Senate on current and proposed stamps, between a Senator Duncan-Hughes of South Australia and the Postmaster-General, A. J. MacLachlan. Specifically criticised by the Senator were the 1937 South Australian Centenary set and the lack of a Coronation stamp of beauty equal to those of the Crown Colonies. In the course of the debate it developed that the subject of the proposed Coronation stamps was to be the King and Queen in their Coronation robes, but lack of suitable photographs caused indefinite postponement of such a design. It was also told that the Premiers of the country had chosen the design of the 1937 set, and that although the Koala bear is to be the subject of a new stamp, no suitable photos were yet available.

First Texas Regional Convention

The first regional convention of the Texas Philatelic Association was adjudged a success according to newspaper reports of the event. The banquet at the Hilton Hotel, Abilene, was attended by 50 persons and stamps cataloging some \$1500 were sold during the meeting. This is the first of the regional meetings planned for the five regional groups of the T. P. A. The West Texas Collectors' Club, which sponsored the gathering, plans to hold meetings during 1937 on the second and fourth Thursdays.

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Editor's Notebook

SEMI-POSTALS? The current big problem of catalog publishers is what to do, if anything, about the souvenir panes (or miniature sheets if you prefer them by that name). Gibbons reflects the traditional British conservatism by stating they won't list any, while Scott's try to bury the more outrageous inflections under the "tentative" heading, with the other catalogers yet to be heard from.

Some years ago all stamps which were sold at time of issue for more than their postage value were grouped under Charity Stamps, but since a lot of the things to which the surtax was going were hardly charitable groups and purposes, the title was changed to Semi-Postal

Stamps, indicating that part of the proceeds of the stamp sale was to go to some fund other than the post office treasury.

Looking over the souvenir sheets it is apparent that almost all are eligible for listing under the Semi-Postal heading. Very few have ever been sold for the face value indicated on the stamps, many of them costing at time of sale considerably over the indicated price. In fact the United States has been about the only country to sell souvenir sheets without making us pay something extra above face value.

Most European sheets have been issued simply and solely for the purpose of making money, often with the idea of making exhibitions financial successes. It has been customary in Europe to make an admission charge to their stamp shows, which would cut down attendance ordinarily. By placing a miniature sheet on sale only at the exhibition and requiring a ticket to the show to be purchased with each sheet, gate receipts can run into impressive and even profitable figures. Consider the 1930 Belgian Antwerp sheet with single stamp of 4 franc denomination, but which actually cost ten francs as every purchaser had to buy a 6 franc ticket of admission for every sheet purchased. That makes that stamp semi-postal with a capital S. For that matter the description semi-postal is more than appropriate for many of the sheets since most are not expected to be used for postage and the few used do not replace regular postage stamps since they are used entirely on non-commercial philatelic mail.

It is refreshing to contrast the usual procedure in foreign countries with that in the United States, for Uncle Sam seems to be the only one not making the issues in a very limited and expensive form. Not only have the sheets been supplied in quantities to meet all demands at the events commemorated, but to accommodate those unable to attend in person, the sheets have remained on sale afterwards long enough to enable anyone to obtain all they wanted. While we may criticize the unimportance of some of the events they commemorate, we can be thankful that no deliberate rarities or high-priced varieties have been created. But then that is no reason for continuing to make them.

—R. R.

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—R. R.

W. R. Patton of Winnipeg, Man., explains that covers like the one described in the Dec. 25th issue, bearing both Canadian and U. S. stamps cancelled at Skagway, Alaska, are not uncommon. He states they result from letters mailed on the trains of the White Pass and Yukon Railway and which are turned over to the first outbound steamer, the two kinds of stamps being intended to pay postage if either country's steamer is used.

We have been shown a 3-cent stamped envelope with return card of Malcolm B. Davis, Jr., Boston, the stamp being cancelled with a dated postmark, resembling a meter, inscribed "Mailer's Postmark Permit No. 1." The portion falling on the stamp itself consists of a box approx. 1 by 1½ inches containing diagonal light ruled lines about one-eighth inch apart.

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In the foreword to the first of the Presidential Portraits on page 137 of the Jan. 1st issue, we stated that of the 31 men who have been President, eleven have never been portrayed on our stamps. This should be corrected to read fourteen, but actually only the twelve listed as follows are eligible for the coming issue: John Adams, John Quincy Adams, Martin Van Buren, Wm. Henry Harrison, John Tyler, James K. Polk, Millard Fillmore, Franklin Pierce, James Buchanan, Andrew Johnson, Chester A. Arthur, and Calvin Coolidge. Herbert Hoover and Franklin Roosevelt being very much in the land of the living, they of course cannot appear on the set.

Northwest Territory

The covers sent by collectors on the ox-team caravan from Ipswich, Mass., to Marietta, Ohio, are traveling part of the way by more modern methods. The 1938 "pioneers" and their team have been so footsore on several occasions that trucks have been used to transport the caravan between some points. Collectors interested in the celebration of the Northwest Territory will find much of interest in the exhibit at the Ohio State Museum, where relics of the early days of the Territory are being displayed. In one corner is exhibited a plaster cast, less than a foot high, of the monument shown on the 2c 1929 Fallen Timbers stamp.

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The following small collections and stocks contain stamps in good to fine condition and should prove satisfactory buys for any dealer who has use for such material. The condition will be found to be equal to standard condition for material and collections of similar scope.

DESCRIPTION

1. Lot No. 1. U. S. Collection on Linprint Unit Pages in Ring binder. Commems—117 unused singles, 23 used; 3 unused pairs; 60 unused and 23 used block four; 12 unused miniature sheets; 12 unused airport; 3 FDC and 136 var. of 20th century regular issues, some mint, total catalog \$178.42
2. Collection U. S. Commems. and Airs in Fink Album. 24 unused and 147 used singles; 7 used pairs; 7 miniature sheets, one is used. There are 9 st. edge stamps in this lot, nice lot 102.77
3. Collection U. S. Commems., unused in \$2.50 album, includes 55 singles, 3 block of four and four FDC 9.95
4. Coronation Collection in 65 page loose leaf Coronation album. Complete and mint except Gr. Britain and the Morocco, New Guinea, the long Newfild. set, Papua, S. W. Afr., U. of S. Afr. Includes also first day covers of complete sets for Australia, Cook Is., Jamaica, New Zealand and S. Settlements, also three covers of later dates and a set of 60 two color Coronation labels.
5. Collection of Miniature sheets, all being Philatelic issues and of stamps for Philatelic events. 17 sheets including Ostropa and Ipostia, Jipex, both 1/2 and 1d each on FDC, both Tipex on FDC and Pexip on FDC, also 36 single stamps, some mint, some on covers, total catalog over 61.00
6. Collection of Iceland mounted on 8 1/2 x 11 ring binder pages, 194 var. used and mint, choice lot, over 15.00
7. Poland, collection of 277 var. mounted on Naribo album pages 11.97
8. Ten exhibition pages from specialized collection, selected subjects, children, Queen Astrid including FDC, mourning stamps, tete-beche pairs and blocks and setenant varieties, etc. Choice lot 22.50
9. Five Exhibition pages as above, two pages tete-beche pairs and blocks, 1 page ships, 1 page trains, 1 page waterfalls, all mint except one tete-beche block, fine lot. 19.63

U. S. STOCKS

10. U. S. Stock of 6818 stamps, postage and airmail with a few Specials. In all, 235 var., good approval stock in good to fine condition, averages 30 to 50 of each variety of most of the items, a really good lot with some choice material, mostly late 19th and 20th century, cat. \$484.60
11. Lot of 2205 used U. S., 48 var. from 1c 1873 up to recent issues, less than 100 of any single item, total catalog 100.65
12. Lot U. S. Colls, 393 singles, 302 pairs, 46 line pairs, all recent issues 39.74
13. Lot Postage Dues, 1162 stamps, values 1/2 to \$5.00, some few straight edge copies, includes 76 fine \$5 and 100 same with st. edge 54.84
14. Lot U. S. Airmail, 810 stamps, 8 var., a few straight edges, cat. 39.22
15. Lot of 2015 Commems., 66 var., all straight edge copies. Includes some earlier and 5c values, catalog 160.82
16. Lot 427 block four of Commems. 35 var., including 40 blocks of 2c black Harding, etc. 63.53
17. Lot of 2306 Commems., 38 var. no st. edge, fine lot 89.11
18. Lot of 747 block four 1895 to date, regular issues, a few dues, over 40 varieties 111.56
19. Lot of 75 copies \$2.00 #572, all initial punched 26.25

20. Lot 60 copies \$5.00 #573 includes two box four and several pairs, all good to fine condition, excellent lot, no s. e. or punched 60.00
21. Lot \$5.00 #573, 35 copies, all initial punched. This lot includes several pairs and two blocks four 35.00
22. Lot of 41 copies 16c blue air mail special delivery, perf all around and 71 copies with straight edge, a good lot of choice 39.20
23. Lot of over 4000 copies 2c green #212, includes hundreds of numbered and letter cancellations, a nice little collection can be made from this lot, also other cancels 80.00

U. S. BY THE 100 LOTS

All stamps in the following U. S. lots are carefully sorted and all straight edge and perf. initialed copies are removed, the condition is good to fine throughout and material is in lots of 100 copies. A few lots entirely of straight edge copies are included and are listed as SE. All stamps are clean and free from paper. In listing these lots, no attempt has been made to sort or classify watermarks or perforations and stamps are listed under a number which will apply to the particular face variety, the number usually being that bearing the lowest catalog value for the particular type, yet lots do contain perf. and wmk. copies of higher catalog valuation.

- 23A 3c green 1871-87, 1000 copies 20.00
- 24 2c red brown #210, 300 copies 6.00
- 25 2c green #212, 300 copies 6.00
- 26 1c blue #214, 300 copies 6.00
- 27 1c blue 1890, #219, 300 copies 27.00
- 28 2c carmine 1890, #220, 1400 copies 28.00
- 29 2c Columbian #231, 1000 copies 20.00
- 30 same, SE, 100 copies 2.00
- 31 1c blue #264, 200 copies 6.00
- 32 2c carmine 1894-5, #267, 1000 copies 20.00
- 33 1c green, 1898, #279, 300 copies 6.00
- 34 2c carmine 1903 #319, 300 copies 6.00
- 35 1c green #321-74, 300 copies 35.00
- 36 4c brown #334-77, 400 copies 28.00
- 37 10c yellow #338, 1000 copies 120.00
- 38 Another lot, 1000 copies 120.00
- 39 Another lot, 800 copies 96.00
- 40 6c orange #379, 100 copies 10.00
- 41 1c coil, #490, 100 copies 2.00
- 42 2c coil, #491, 100 copies 3.00
- 43 3c coil, #493, 300 copies 24.00
- 44 1c green #498, 1800 copies 36.00
- 45 1c coil #571, 100 copies 8.00
- 46 2c carmine, #599, 200 copies 46.00
- 47 3c violet #600, 500 copies 10.00
- 48 2c Harding black #611, 200 8.00
- 49 1c green #632, 4500 copies 90.00
- 50 1 1/2c brown #633, 300 copies 9.00
- 51 2c carmine #634, 5500 copies 110.00
- 52 3c violet #635, 1300 copies 26.00
- 53 4c brown #636, 1000 copies 2.00
- 54 5c blue #637, 700 copies 14.00
- 55 6c orange #638, 200 copies 4.00
- 56 8c olive #640, 200 copies 6.00
- 57 9c orange red #641, 300 copies 9.00
- 58 10c orange #642, 1100 copies 22.00
- 59 1 1/2c olive brown #653, 2000 copies 40.00
- 60 1 1/2c brown #684, 1500 copies 30.00
- 61 4c brown #685, 200 copies 4.00
- 62 1 1/2c coil #686, 300 copies 6.00
- 63 11c light blue #692, 100 copies 4.00
- 64 12c #693, 400 copies 8.00
- 65 15c gray #696, 700 copies 14.00
- 66 20c carmine #698, 1200 copies 24.00
- 67 25c green #699, 1000 copies 4.00
- 68 30c brown #700, 100 copies 2.00
- 69 50c violet #701, 200 copies 6.00
- 70 2c Red Cross #702SE, 100 copies 5.00
- 71 2c Yorktown #703SE, 100 copies 12.00
- 72 1/2c Bicent. #704, 1600 copies 32.00
- 73 1c Bicent #705, 4600 copies 92.00
- 74 1 1/2c Bicent #706, 200 copies 8.00
- 75 2c Bicent #707, 5900 copies 118.00

- 76 3c Bicent #708, 1900 copies 57.00
- 77 5c Bicent #710, 500 copies 15.00
- 78 10c Bicent #715, 900 copies 18.00
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- 81 5c Olympic #719, 200 copies 20.00
- 82 3c violet #720, 11,400 copies 228.00
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- 85 3c Webster #725SE, 100 copies 8.00
- 86 3c Newburgh #727, 400 copies 16.00
- 87 1c C. of P. #728, 1400 copies 42.00
- 88 3c C. of P. #729, 1300 copies 26.00
- 89 1c C. of P. Imp. #730, 100 copies 5.00
- 90 3c N. R. A. #732, 2500 copies 50.00
- 91 3c Mother Rot. #737, 600 copies 18.00
- 92 Wisc. #739SE, 100 copies 5.00
- 93 1c Parks #740SE, 200 copies 6.00
- 94 3c Parks #742, 100 copies 3.00
- 95 Same, SE, 100 copies 3.00
- 96 1c Park, Imperf. #751, 100 copies 4.00
- 97 3c Boulder Dam #774, 200 copies 6.00
- 98 3c Michigan #775, 300 copies 9.00
- 99 3c Texas #776, 700 copies 21.00
- 100 3c R. I. #777, 200 copies 6.00
- 101 3c Anthony #784, 2200 copies 65.00
- 102 1c Army #785, 700 copies 14.00
- 103 2c Army #786, 200 copies 4.00
- 104 3c Army #787, 1200 copies 24.00
- 105 1c Navy, #790, 400 copies 8.00
- 106 3c Navy, #792, 1300 copies 26.00
- 107 3c N. W. Ter. #795, 700 copies 21.00
- 108 6c Air #1318, 500 copies 15.00
- 109 10c Special #1901, 100 copies 3.00
- 110 15c Special #1905, 500 copies 50.00
- 111 1c Due #2267, 200 copies 4.00
- 112 2c Due #2268, 100 copies 2.00
- 113 1 1/2c Due #2274, 200 copies 8.00
- 114 1c Due #2283, 500 copies 20.00
- 115 1 1/2c Due #2283SE, 500 copies 20.00
- 116 5c Due #2284, 300 copies 30.00
- 117 2c Due #2287, 100 copies 2.00
- 118 2c Due #2288, 300 copies 6.00
- 119 5c Due #2289, 100 copies 2.00
- 120 10c Due #2290, 200 copies 2.00
- 121 30c Due #2291, 200 copies 12.00
- 122 50c Due #2292, 100 copies 4.00
- 123 1c Doc. #4090, 100 copies 2.00

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- 124 Lot of 8800 pieces, all cut square and sorted in lots of 100 of a kind, in all 23 varieties, good stock for packets 254.00
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VIRGIN LOTS U. S. IN BUNDLES

- The following three lots are of stamps in bundles of 100, on and off paper, in original bundles as gathered years ago. These are strictly virgin lots, never been picked by stamp collectors. Possibilities for interesting cancellations.
- 125A Lot of 19,400 2c 1890, all shades, caps, etc. 388.00
 - 125B Lot of 1500 2c Columbians 30.00
 - 125C Lot of 2900 2c 1894-5, all triangles, shades, etc. 58.00

SINGLE FOREIGN IN QUANTITIES AND CHEAP SETS

- *Means unused. All clean and free of paper in good condition.
- 126 Australia #20, 500 copies 10.00
 - 127 #82, 760 copies 15.20
 - 128 #83, 2825 copies 76.50
 - 129 #109, 2740 copies 54.80

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130	.. #152, 300 copies	9.00
131	Austria #110 to 120-2-3-144, 41 sets	12.71
132	.. #238 to 247, 25 sets	4.60
133	.. #1230 to 1234, 75 sets	7.50
134	*Azerbaijan #1 to 10, 500 sets	185.00
135	.. same, 175 sets	64.75
136	*#201-2, 130 sets	15.00
137	*Batumi #1 to 6, 42 sets	58.90
138	.. #4-5-6, 210 sets	294.00
139	Belgium, 5 var. 1900 stamps in bundles	38.00
140	Bolivia, 25 var., 219 stamps	11.19
141	Chile, #158, 300 copies and 163 copies of 6 other stamps	9.30
142	*Germany #82, 100 copies	3.00
143	.. #1052 to 58-63, 74 sets	11.84
144	.. #17 var. 100 of each	34.00
145	.. Ails, 12 var. 140 sets	33.60
146	.. 15 var. 100 sets	30.00
147	Greece, #338-65-9, 100 each	12.00
148	.. #368, 200 copies	6.00
149	.. 90 sets of 25 var. each	45.00
150	*Hungary, 2244 stamps, 36 var. from #20 to 103	47.35
151	.. #640 stamps, 15 var. from #88 to 132	13.02
152	.. #88, 500 copies	10.00
153	.. lot of over 2800 stamps, 18 var. from #106 to 126	57.32
154	.. lot of 2955 stamps from #129 to 705, 45 var.	59.10
155	.. 1358 stamps, 43 var. from #226 to 389	29.00
156	.. #376-377, 60 stamps	2.96
157	.. #672 stamps, 16 var. #651 to 1114	13.44
158	.. #754, 58 copies	3.48
159	.. #1113, 90 copies	4.50
160	.. 398 stamps, #1182 to 1235, 15 var.	7.96
161	.. #1202 to 1212, 40 sets	4.80
162	.. #710 stamps, 23 var. #1248 to 1358	14.00
163	.. Dues, 2050 stamps, 18 var. #1351 to 1370	41.02
164	.. 30 var., 100 of each	61.00
165	.. 4 var., 800 stamps	16.00
166	.. 29 var., 100 of each	58.00
167	India, #109, 2500 copies	50.00
168	Ireland #65, 500 copies	10.00
169	.. #66, 1250 copies	25.00
170	.. #67, 400 copies	38.00
171	Jamaica, #19, 350 copies	14.00
172	.. #24, 300 copies	9.00
173	*Liechtenstein #32 to 46, 201 to 212, 5 sets	2.70
174	Mexico #1281, 800 copies	16.00
175	.. lot of 83 entire env. with GCM handstamp surcharge	51.50
176	New Zealand #131, 2575 copies	24.00
177	.. #144, 1200 copies	7.60
178	.. #160, 380 copies	8.00
179	.. #161, 400 copies	8.00
180	.. #184, 300 copies	10.00
181	.. 186, 500 copies	10.00
182	.. #200, 200 copies	30.00
183	*Russia, #1205, 1000 copies	40.00
184	.. #1206, 1000 copies	44.00
185	.. #1207, 1100 copies	24.00
186	.. #1208, 800 copies	24.00
187	.. #1210, 800 copies	33.00
188	.. #1212, 1000 copies	158.00
189	.. #1205-6-7-9-10-12, 790 sets	13.50
190	Union S. Afr. #2, 675 copies	18.00
191	.. #3, 900 copies	50.40
192	.. #23-24, 2520 copies	134.80
193	.. #25-26, 6740 copies	15.50
194	.. lot of 725 stamps, 8 var.	

FOREIGN SETS AND SINGLES

The following items are smaller quantities of better quality material, all in first class condition. *Means unused.

195	*Abyssinia #120 to 128, 5 sets	2.80
196	Australia #143, 12 copies	1.20
197	.. #301, 12 copies	1.80
198	Belgium, #341-4-5-7-8, 6 sets	3.48
199	.. #361-2-3, 15 sets	17.70
200	.. #364-5-6, 15 sets	30.75
201	.. #1713 to 16-18-19-26-7-8, 8 sets	1.44
202	*Costa Rica, #359 to 63, 8 sets	5.44
203	Dom. Repub. 22 stamps, 5 var.	8.85
204	Ecuador, 10 sets of 10 var.	2.50
205	*Fr. Morocco, #502 to 511, 10 sets	21.30
206	*Germany #99 to 101, 113 to 132, 14 sets	7.52
207	Guatemala, 4 sets of 50 diff.	6.00
208	*Hungary, #171 to 176, 40 sets	5.20
209	.. #203 to 222, 23 sets	12.42
210	.. #703-4-5, 40 sets	2.40
211	.. #765-6-7, 16 sets	1.14
212	*Japan, #196 to 199, 4 sets	1.72
213	*Latvia, Killer of the Bear set, 5 var., perf. 7 sets	1.20
214	Liberia #209 to 213, 4 sets	1.54
215	*Lithuania, #50 to 60, 7 sets	1.80
216	.. #415-16-17, 4 sets	4.20
217	.. #408 to 414, 6 sets	1.29
218	.. #440-1-2, 3 sets	2.70
219	*Mexico #923-4-5, 6 sets	1.63
220	*Monaco #60 to 65, 9 sets	1.65
221	*Montenegro #74 to 83, 5 sets	1.65
222	.. unlisted set of 8 var., 8 sets, listed by Grossman as "too late" stamps	1.20
223	New Zealand #674, 12 copies	2.10
224	*Nyassa #39 to 43-49-50, 7 sets	1.44
225	.. #94 to 105, 3 sets	2.00
226	Paraguay, 10 sets of 10 var.	4.00
227	Persia, #1101-2-3, 8 sets	3.99
228	Poland #15 to 26, 3 sets	2.40
229	.. #61 to 71, 3 sets	1.20
230	.. #93 to 104, 10 sets	4.50
231	.. #105 to 116, 3 sets	1.80
232	.. #140 to 148, 10 sets	4.00
233	.. #410, 50 copies	4.62
234	.. #501 to 506, 5 sets unused and 6 sets used	2.34
235	.. #561 to 567, 6 sets	1.55
236	.. #613 to 621, 5 sets	18.00
237	.. 18 lots of 50 diff.	21.00
238	.. 7 sets of 100 diff.	9.03
239	.. lot of 43 sets, 13 diff. kinds in the lot	125.67
240	Russia #304 to 325, 71 sets	84.70
241	*Salvador, #468 to 473, 115 sets	.80
242	Siam, #401-2-3-4, 5 sets	6.72
243	*Ukraine 156 to 169, 24 sets	6.60
244	.. #285-6-7-8, 25 sets	90.00
245	Switzerland, 9 lots of 125 var. each	29.00
246	*Tannou Rouva, 1935 animal set, 1k to 24, 40 sets, listed in back of Scott Cat. est.	18.00
247	Poland, semi-official Air Mail, Sanabria #301-2, 58 sets, San.	37.00
248	Poland #294-5-6-8-302, 100 sets	5.00
249	.. #294-5-6-8-9-301-2, 100 sets	5.00
250	.. #294 to 302, 100 sets	8.00
251	.. #267, 100 copies	
252	.. #285, 100 copies	
253	.. #410, 100 copies	

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No.	Cat. Val.	Net
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324	"	5.00 2.00
325	"	4.00 2.00
347	Used (with Coupon)	.35 .20
348	"	2.00 1.00
349	"	.75 .35
350	"	1.00 .50
351	Unused	2.50 1.00
352	Used	3.00 1.50
362	Mint & Scarce	20.00 15.00
364	"	20.00 15.00
365	"	5.00 4.00
370-380	Mint	13.45 6.50
381-5	"	5.00 2.00
372-4-5-6-7-8-9-Inv.	Surcharges	5.00
394-400	Mint	1.80 .85
401-4	"	1.00 .50
409	"	2.50 1.50
409 & 409A	Vert. Mint Pair	3.50
414-19	Unused	3.35
417A	Used Tete-Beche Pair	5.00 3.00
418B	Unused Imp. Pair	12.00 6.00
433	Used	5.00 2.50
466-70	Unused	2.55 1.25
482	"	4.00 2.00
494	" Superb copy	18.00 10.00
495-9	"	1.65
513	" Imperf. Pair	1.00
509 & 509A	Mint Pair	1.15
517-527 (Four used)	"	11.58 5.00
551-8	Unused	4.85 2.50
538	Mint (G. P. de M inv)	4.00
548A	Mint (Mon. Inverted)	1.50
559-65	Mint (Except 561)	11.20 6.00
566-73	Mint	4.15 2.00
574A	Unused Imperf. Pair	6.00 4.00
575A	Unused Imperf. Pair	5.00 3.00
593-602	Mint	3.50 1.50
603-7	Mint	2.65 1.25
618	Mint and very scarce	7.00 5.00
621A	Unused	2.00 1.25
624	Unused Imperf. Pair	3.00
625A	Used	5.00 3.00
626	Used	4.00 2.50
626	Mint	6.00 4.00
612	Mint Imperf. Pair	.50
613	Mint Imperf. Pair	1.00
614A	Mint Imperf. Pair	2.00
642A	Mint Imperf. Pair	2.00
651	Mint Imperf. Pair	.50
660	Mint Imperf. Pair	1.00
673-80	Used	2.21 1.00
682-88	Mint	11.80 6.00
697-705	Used	9.22 7.50

AIRMAILS

901	Used	3.00 2.00
906-11	(2 Mint, 4 used)	2.25 1.25
913-22	Used	9.45 8.00
923-8	Used	.57 .50
931	Used	5.00 4.00
932-4	(932 Mint, others used)	.55 .30
943A	Mint	8.00
958-9	Used	.40 .25
960	Mint	2.50 2.00
972-80	Used	2.80 2.50
1151-2	Used	2.00 1.75
1161	Mint Red Surcharge	4.00
1161A	Mint	5.00
1164-7	Used	1.55 1.00
1168A	Mint	9.00
1174-80	Used	1.65 1.25
1181-2	Used	.60 .35
1183	Used	6.00 5.00

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Precancel Round-up

The New York Precancel Club is arranging a get-together and round-up to be held Saturday and Sunday, March 26th and 27th at the Cornish Arms Hotel, 311 W. 23rd Street. This promises to be another of the popular regional meetings for precancel collectors.

No wonder the Chinese are losing the war with Japan, they aren't using modern methods. Look how long the Spanish war has been prolonged as a result of both sides taking so much time out to issue stamps.

Sarawak in the Movies

Sir James Brooke, founder and first Rajah of the Malay state of Sarawak will be the subject of a movie based on his long-ago feat of creating the little country. The present Rane of Sarawak is in Hollywood assisting in the production. Another of philately's portrait gallery will thus soon come to life.

One set of die proofs of the 1930 Graf Zeppelin set were presented to Commander Eckener at the time of issue. These are the reason for the listing in the 1938 Specialized Catalog.

BROADWAY CHATTER

B Y B I S T A N D E R

Stamp clerks at various post offices in New York were amazed at the amount of stamps they sold to be used as gifts during the Holiday season. These extra sales played havoc with other customers, especially when many insisted on perfect centering. I remember one poor fellow's face as he waited with his arms full of packages, trying to buy some stamps for mailing purposes as the chap in front of him was picking out stamps from the center of 15 or 20 different sheets. An orchid to the clerk for his patience and our sympathies to the poor chap who waited.

One of these stamp clerks I know very well sold me plate box of the Zepelin stamps back in 1930. He said I was the best customer on that issue. On his insistence I took 12 sets in all. He received an initial supply of 150 sets in 3 full sheets. He returned two full sheets and nineteen sets for destruction. We were talking about "zepps" and the price they command and he reminded me that he had to beg me to take six more sets than I intended. Now, every-

one collects sheets and it seems they all expect to make gigantic profits.

There is a lawyer on 42nd St. who expected a miracle to happen. He invested a few thousand dollars in all commemorative issues from the Connecticut through the Oregon. In addition he bought 50 sheets of the 16c blue Special Delivery Air Mail. At present he is trying to recoup his original investment and I have my doubts of his success.

Plate number collectors I know, tell me that when they ask a stamp clerk at one P. O. for plate numbers they have to listen to a long list of plate numbers the clerk himself needs for his collection, then they can get some service. But let me pay tribute again to the stamp clerks. I think they're regular.

December auction sales as well as dealers prices show that Farley scrap has continued to slide downward, Farley plate box however, held their own. Nineteenth century United States in superb condition brings full catalogue prices and in many instances sells over catalogue price. In most of these cases the dealers vie with each other for the opportunity to buy this superb material. A collector has very little chance to compete with the dealers unless he is prepared to spend.

In a recent sale a superb copy of the \$1.00 Trans-Mississippi was bought by a dealer for \$27.50. Another copy slightly off center with an extra piece of hinge was sold to a collector for \$15.25. A third copy with a perforation missing was sold for \$10.00. The dealers in Coronations are holding their breath. They are waiting to see what Crown Colony set will take a jump in prices, but with thousands of sets in dealers vaults nothing looks likely.

The very small wholesalers in miniature sheets are gnashing their teeth at Stanley Gibbons, Ltd. because of their stand in refusing to catalogue any sheets. On the other hand, the large retail dealers seem to be quite pleased. They enjoy selling stamps and not labels. These concerns will not deliver any new issues of miniature sheets to their clients unless specifically requested to do so.

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YEAR BOOK

The 1937-1938 year book of the Precancel Stamp Society has just been released to the members. This is an invaluable guide for the one who wants to trade or contact collectors engaged in the same specialty. Following the policy of the past several years the names of the members are chronicled not only in alphabetical order, but grouped geographically and chronologically also. This well nigh puts at your finger tips any member you might wish to contact. A list of all the members attending the convention last fall in Minneapolis is included. This is one of the many benefits the precancel collector gets from a wide awake society. If you think you are interested write me and I will give you more information about the only precancel stamp organization in the world.

No! No!

There might be a few readers after digesting my comment on bureau breaks and semi-specialties come to the conclusion that I am entirely 'agin' it. Or that I might be trying to tell collectors what to collect and what not to collect. Nothing was farther from my thoughts when I pounded out that rather harsh criticism of the proposed specialized bureau print catalog. I believe in letting every man collect what he wants to, and I will be the last to stand in his way or hinder him in the pursuit of his happiness. I put my precancels in my albums the way I want them, pull them out and put them in another way, etc., etc., till some of them are nearly wore out, but after all its my time that's wasted and I am the one to be pleased. So if a fellow wants to collect breaks or lines and gaps on his coils, more

power to him as long as he doesn't take his specialty too serious and try to force his way of thinking on other collectors or try to disrupt a smooth and efficient method of listing them just to appease a vain and egotistical temperament.

BURBANK, CALIF.

In checking over some California items recently I came upon several items from Burbank that seemed not to be listed. Upon closer investigation I found that these items were of the U-43 style and that all items in this style from Burbank had been deleted because the type had been used as a post cancelling device. Now when a canceller of a nondescript sort is used for precancelling and later used as a postcanceller, and is then discarded from the catalog one don't feel so put out about it. But this U-43 from Burbank is a regular precancelling device made to fit the stamps and all. So when a type like this is deleted it 'kinda' makes you feel sad, that is if there is anything to feel sad over. It wouldn't surprise me a bit if items such as the Burbank U-43s were some time restored to the catalog.

NOTES.

Binghamton, B-70s are circulating now.—So are the Atlantic City B-71s.—The Golden Gate Precancel Society is publishing their Bulletin again. In the January issue notice is given that Seattle, Wash., has discarded its U-14 and is using a new style U-12 type now.—Adolph Gunesch's 'Precancel Optimist' came in this week with a 1c coil from Muncie, Ind., it was a B121 item. This issue of the Optimist carried more real precancel news in it I think than any of its previous issues.

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180	185	188	190	195	196	197	213
217	218	219	221	230	233	404	407

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32	33	76	98	107	108	109	114
120	124	126	144	163	165	162	165
168	177	183	191	192	199	205	405
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40	.08	110	.09
44	1.00	210	.08
52	.10	224	.05
54	.40	508	.06
58	.70	508	.06
58	1.48	508	.06
60	1.85	508	.06
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ANCS 656

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The USS Snapper was commissioned on Dec. 15 and through a misunderstanding the mail clerk returned practically all the covers he received for the first day, to Alex Hesse, Jr., 449 Troutman St., Brooklyn, N. Y. This includes covers Hesse handled, covers sent him by other sponsors and covers sent direct to the ship by individuals. So if anyone who sent Hesse covers or who keeps covers with him, or who sent covers direct to the mail clerk and have not gotten their covers back, will please send Hesse a stamped No. 10 envelope, Hesse will be glad to send them their covers.

Wm. S. Linto, 4920 N.E. 16th Ave., Portland, Ore., will sponsor printed cachets for Lincoln's Birthday, Valentine's Day, and Washington's Birthday. Deadline for covers Jan. 25.

Russell A. Court, 7262 Greenway Dr., St. Louis, Mo., will sponsor cachets mailed from 5 different ships for each of the following, anniversaries and holidays: Lincoln's and Washington's Birthdays, Valentine's Day, Destruction of the USS Maine, and St. Patrick's Day. Only 6% covers cachetted.

Robert S. Thompson, 238 S. Main Street, Wallingford, Conn., will sponsor a cachet for the shakedown cruise of the USS Somers with the official sanction of the commanding officer. Send covers in sets of 6, deadline Jan. 28. Also Lincoln's and Washington's Birthdays from three ships each, deadline Feb. 1st.

Frederick Horton (address at head of column), will sponsor the 8th group in his birthday series of naval ships. This group will be mailed from the USS Chicago, New Orleans, Portland, Omaha, Roper, Tracy, Zane, Ramsey, Segull, Woodcock, Rigel, Antares. Deadline for this group Feb. 1st. Also Lincoln's Birthday with double cancells on one cover, deadline Feb. 5th.

Use commemorative stamps on the outer wrappers, when sending in covers to the sponsors. Include 1c per cover forwarding postage on all the above events.

Among the last covers that may be received from the sunken Panay, may be 33 sent by Howard L. Stevens, of Clearfield, Pa., who sponsored a Thanksgiving Day cachet on this ship. The covers haven't come back yet.

The Ex-German Colonies

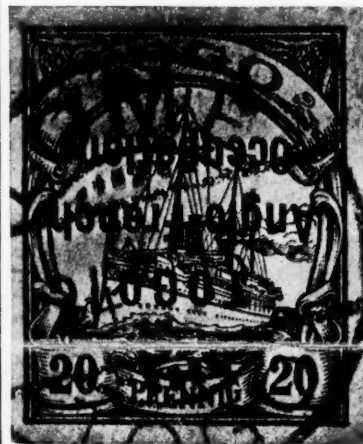
The KenMore Wholesaler contains some interesting notes on this subject which may interest our readers:

"If the British, French and other nations feel like giving Chancellor Hitler a Christmas present, this is what might happen. From a Philatelist's viewpoint,



if the restoration of Germany's pre-war colonies was made, stamp collecting would be profoundly affected. The return of Germany's former possessions in Africa and Oceania through abandonment of the mandate system set up by the League of Nations after the World War would mean a deluge of new postal paper, while thousands of stamps today in use would be outlawed and pass into history.

Belgian East Africa, Tanganyika, New Guinea, Nauru, Western Samoa and Southwest Africa would cease issuing stamps under those titles and there would be restored philately's former German East Africa, German New Guinea, Samoa and German Southwest Africa. There would likewise be changes in the colonies now held by France and Japan.



The story of how philately followed the flag in colonial Germany in 1914-18 was bewildering at the time, because it involved such a confusion of surprises for the hobby's followers. The seizure of Germany's colonies in 1918 has resulted in a few more than 1,350 major and minor varieties of stamps worth today approximately \$22,500. Of these, about 890 were overprinted ones forced on the conquered peoples during the periods of fighting and occupation. The others are definitives released subsequent to the adoption of new political titles for seized lands, some of this later postal paper being in use today."

The Flag Is Passing

Hats off! The flag is passing.

No, my friend, there is no blare of trumpets, no roll of drums, no tramp of marching feet. It is the postmark flag we mean. What was once the most common postmark in our postal system, is gradually being replaced with different markings, on newer, faster, more up-to-date machines.

Even though no postmark designs have been copyrighted in the United States, it seems that manufacturers of cancelling equipment observe certain ethics in their business and do not copy designs of others.

As the American Postal Machines Co. has passed from the picture, so, also, their handiwork, the flag postmark, is passing. Being hand-made, by artisans of a by-gone day, almost every flag was, in some detail, a little different from the others. They are roughly divided into groups of about twenty-four outstanding varieties. A few of these varieties are not the product of American Postal Machines, but most of them are. Worthy of special mention are: the slogan flags, with wording among the stripes; the Imperials, also called the "rippled" flag, because of its extreme design; the ovates, in which the thirteen stars form an oval rather than being in rows; the no-halyards, in which the flag appears to be mounted directly on the staff. None of these varieties is in use today except one ovate, which is included in the list below.

Interested collectors are now preparing a check-list of towns that have used flag postmarks. The list now stands at more than 2600. I believe the number still in use is about 25. Even those postmasters who are still using them do not know when they will receive instructions from the department: "... effective immediately . . .," and another flag will have passed.

Would you gratify your curiosity? Here's how. Send self-addressed cards or envelopes to the postmasters of these offices asking for their flag postmarks. I can't guarantee results, but I have all of these with recent dates. Half of them were received in October, 1937. Anyway, they are all different in some detail, and here they are:

Bellingham, Wash. (So. Bellingham Station).

Balboa Island, Calif.

Binford, N. Dak.

Dumas, Texas.

Granville, Ohio.

Harrison, Neb.

New Albany, Pa.

Housatonic, Mass.

Russell, Minn.

Salmon, Idaho.

Toledo, Iowa.

Independence, Iowa.

I am working on an additional list which will be ready soon. If you know of other offices still using the flag, I would appreciate the information.

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Double Meaning

Kermit E. Parker writing in the club bulletin of the Brooklyn Edison Club points out the astonishing double meanings of the Latin inscriptions on the recent Italian set commemorating the 2,000th anniversary of the birth of the Roman Emperor Augustus. One showing head of Augustus with appropriate African flora and fauna is inscribed in Latin "At my order and under my authority armies are sent into Ethiopia." The inscriptions on the others of the set have meanings also symbolic of fascist events of recent years.

The Pexip miniature sheet imperforate, an error of which only four or five exist (so it is claimed) is being advertised by a London dealer at £67, 1/0, or about \$335.

A Mulready letter sheet, postmarked on the first day of issue, May 6th, 1840, brought £11 at a recent London auction.

A poster stamp to raise funds for homeless children of Loyalists of Spain is being issued by a group of movie stars at Hollywood.

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